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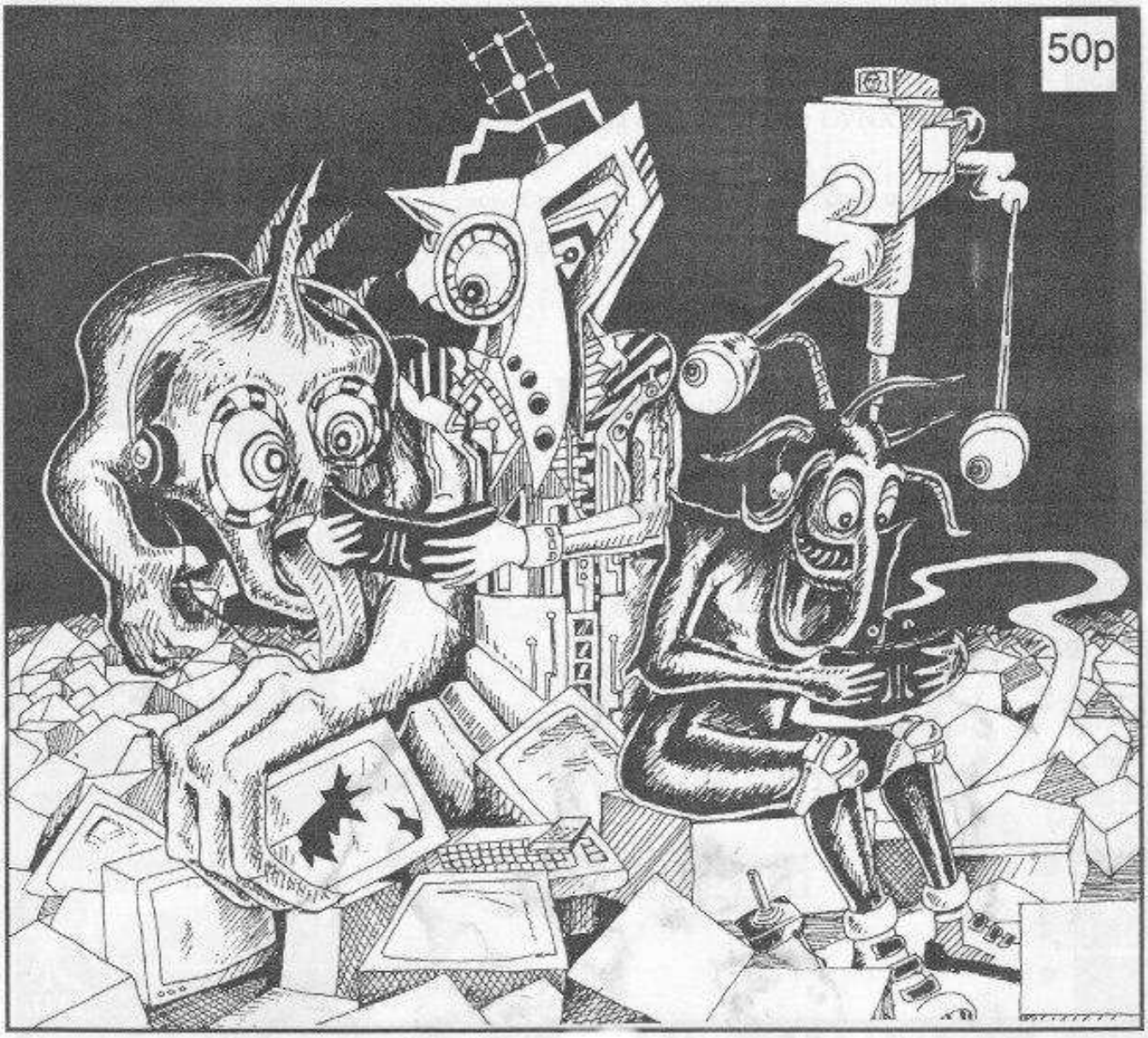

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Welcome to the first issue of LYNX USER. Over the coming months we hope to bring you the latest information on the Atari LYNX, the latest games reviews and all the cheats we can find.

But we need your help if this magazine is going to survive, so if you belong to a LYNX USER club, write and tell us. If you think our magazine is good, or even if you think it's terrible, please write in.

If you have strong opinions on any LYNX game, tell us about it.

In fact, if you have anything to say, drop us a line.

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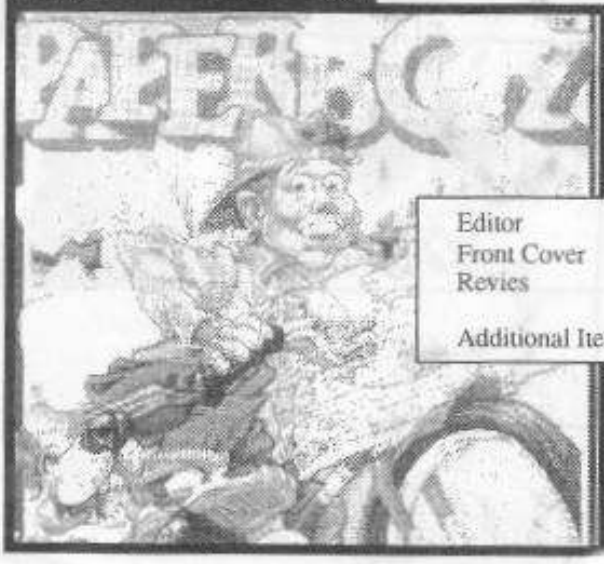

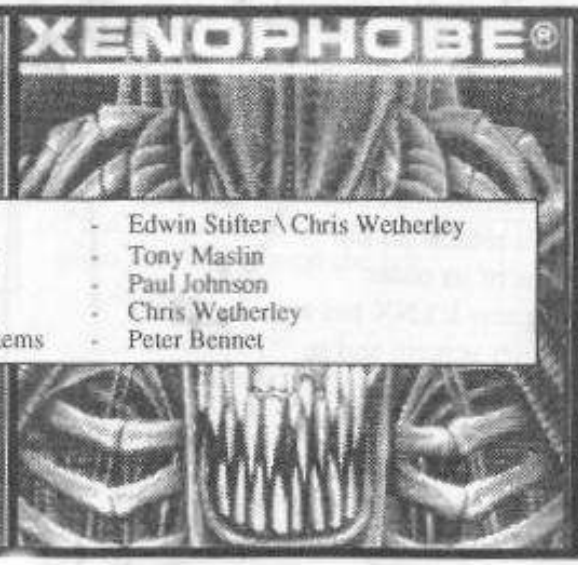

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Lynx Top Ten
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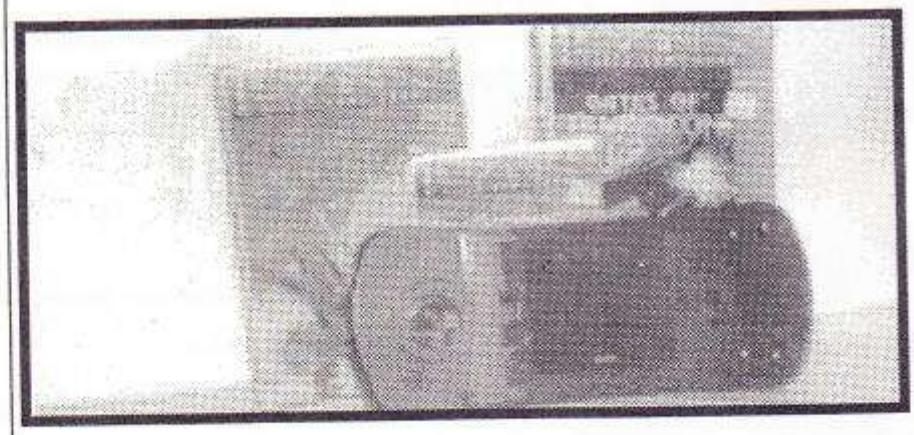

Atari have decided to create three different LYNX box sets. The cheapest set will just contain the machine, for under eighty pounds. The second version will have the power supply included, for just under one hundred pounds. The third version will be the original set-up, containing California Games, for under one hundred and twenty pounds. The cheapest set, at under eighty pounds, is bringing the price of the Lynx near to that of the Gameboy.

This should help the Lynx gain a bigger foothold in the market place.

Even though we all expected that World Class soccer and Ninja Gaiden would be the next two LYNX releases, it is more likely that Warbirds and Chess Challenge will hit the streets first.

In the next issue of LYNX USER we would like to have a page devoted to LYNX high scores. So, if you have just gone through your tenth set of batteries trying to achieve a world beating score, please write in and tell us.

According to sources in the computer industry, sales of the LYNX in the UK have passed the 50,000 mark.

The new LYNX should have been launched in the States by the time you read this. The new machine is more than an inch smaller, but it retains all the specifications of its older brother. The new LYNX has a slightly smaller screen, and to save on battery power, a back-light switch. The new LYNX should be reaching our shores by the summer.

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... you listen to the storyteller, he talks of far off places, enchanted kingdoms and stange worlds.

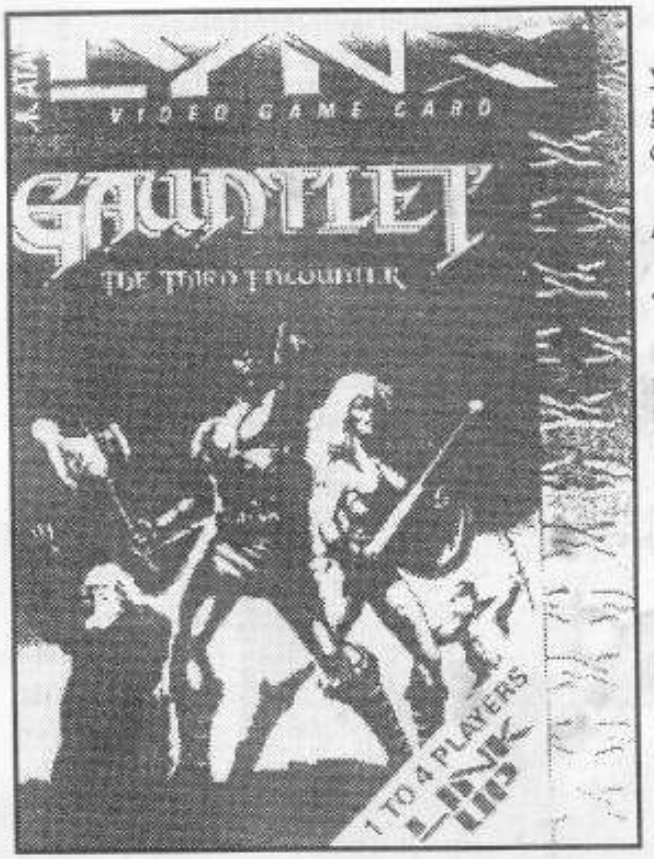
You keep listening, he talks of a star Gem; coming from another world and alnding in a deserted castle. He tells of the power the evil one gains from this Gem, and that if this Gem is not rescued the evil one will come and destroy our world.

Bravely and foolishly you go and seek out the Gem ...

Gauntlet lll is a fantasy quest game for up to four players (as long as everyone has a copy). You must fight your way up through some of the worst creatures ever deen on the lynx (well, as long as you haven't played Slimeworld) in forty levels of mind-boggling maze fun.

You start on Level 1, with four exits to choose from, your aim is to find a blue box that will transport you on to the next level. On the way you can pick up apples (increse life), potions (red potions increase speed, some increase your score, BUT some don't). Scrolls have their uses written on them, always a good idea to keep a 'revive' scroll handy.

The game itself I found to be very addictive; and difficult enough to make you come back for more. The graphics are good and the catchy music increases the atmosphere of the game.



If you have played Gauntlet before, I am sure you will like this verson. I thoroughly enjoyed this game (as if you can't tell!). A must for any LYNX collection. Buy it.

PAUL JOHNSON

TIPS

Choose a character according to your ability, ie. ... when you first play the game choose a player that has more strength than speed until you get to know where everything is.

Try to map out each section so you won't waste time looking for the keys next time you play.

On Level 1, take one key and then go to the NORTH door, if you picked up the 'invisible' scroll - use it. As you got through the door - keep blasting. Turn first SOUTH - it will take you down a long corridor. Go round the corner and then take the SOUTH exit. Fight off the scorpions and once you have read what it says - go to the blue box on the left.

4 LYNX TIPS

Blue lighting - All the codes for this excellent gane provided by me.

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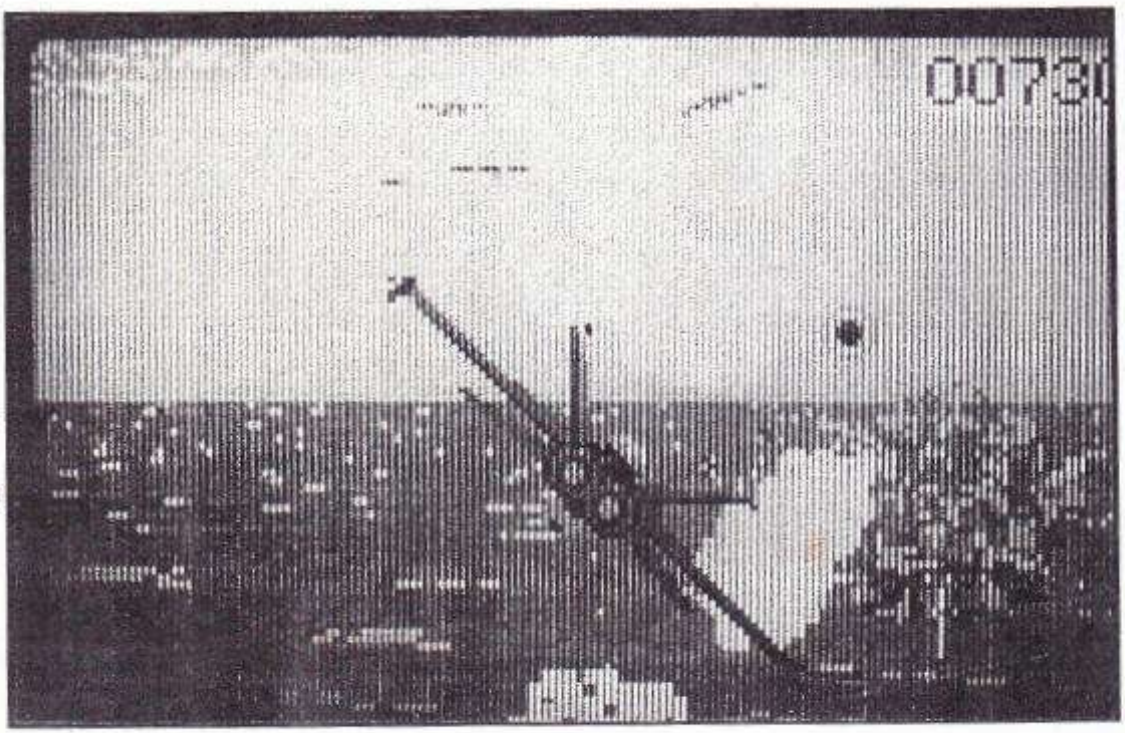
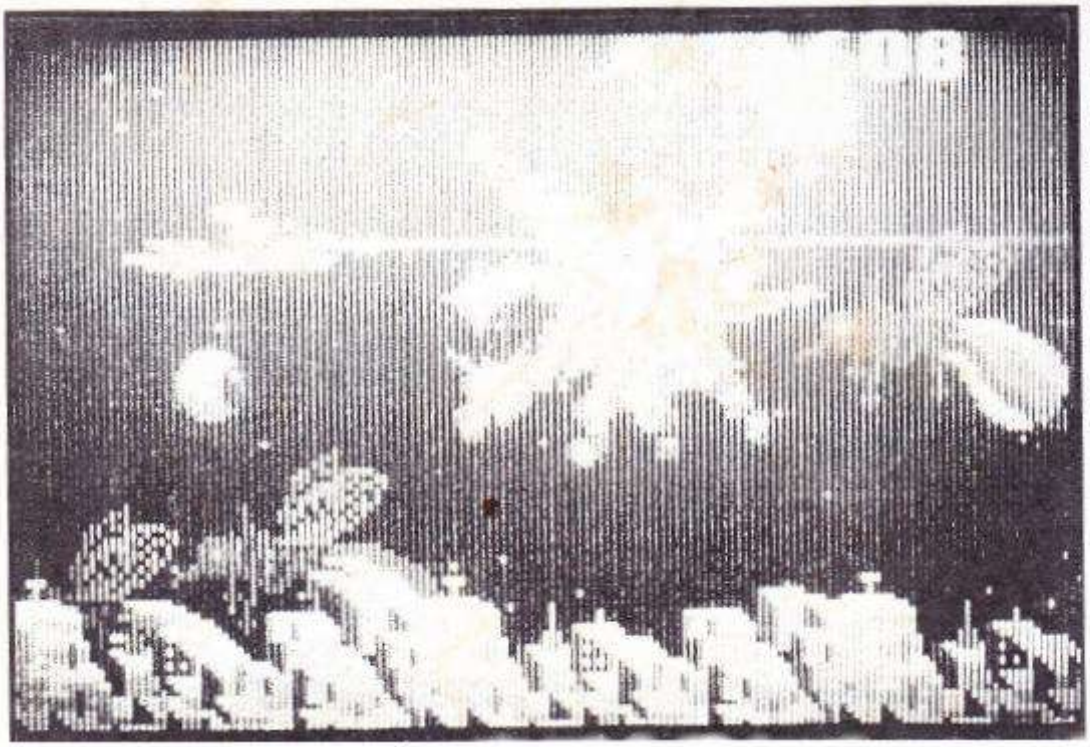
2	PLAN
3	ALFA
4	BELL
5	NINE
6	LOCK
7	HAND
8	FLEA
9	LIFE

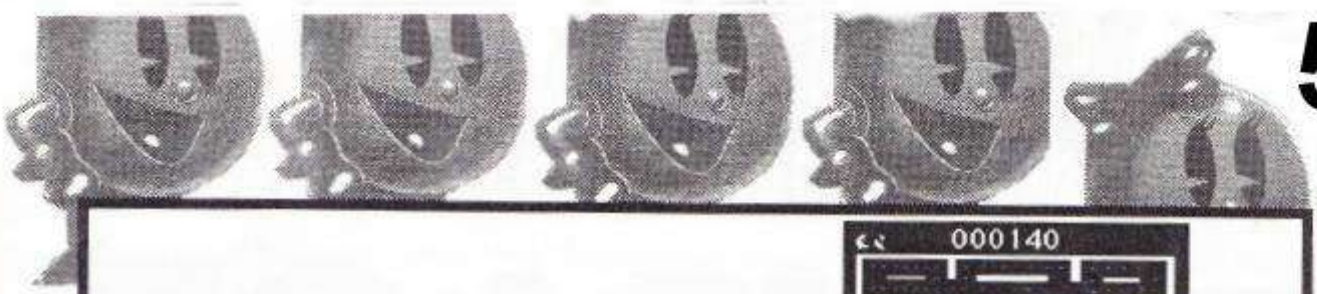


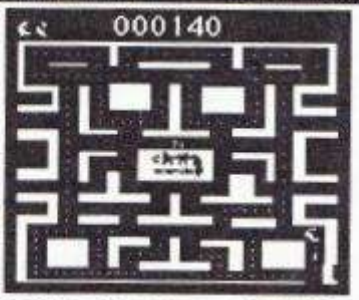
Gates of Zendecon - If you want to try almost every level - well, the thirty I know about, here they are:

BASE ZYBX XRXS ANEX NEAT YARR EYES BARE XRAY NYXX ZYRB SRYX RATT
NYET RAZE TRYX STYX YARB BREX ZEST ZORT STAB SEBB BOXX TENT BROT
SNEX ZAXX STOB XTNT BOTZ SNAX … and finally the last level - ZETA



Secret Level. You can enter TRYX as a code. Immediately your ship appears, go down and go straight through the platform. Go into the first gate, after you have avoided the walls. This lvel is very secret, only a few million people know about it.





Ms. PAC-MAN

... a long, long time ago, when we all had Spectrums, Vic 20s and various other machines, the nice people at Atari (please - no more creeping) released a revolutionary game that literally swept the world. While we were blasting the hell out of every alien that moved, and some that didn't, Atari released PacMan. A game that involved eating power pellets to increase your score. But there was a small problem, four ghosts. These guys were not going to let you have the pellets without a fight, and fight they did. As you turned almost every corner, there they were ...waiting.

But you being the PacMan, this wasn't a problem to you. By chance you find that on every level there are four shiny dots. Once consumed, these dots turn those nasty ghosts blue. For a short whileyou can turn the tables ...watch them run.

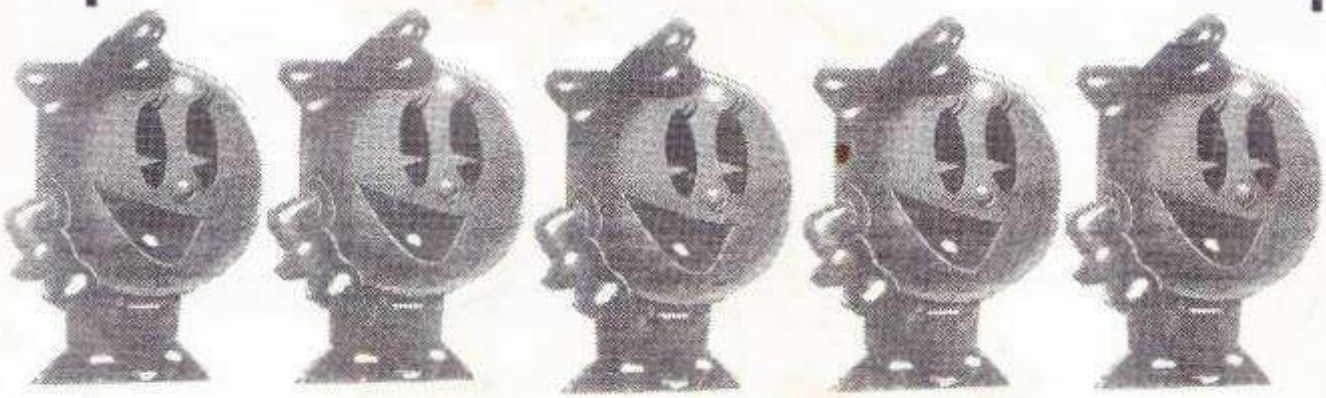
Well, after a time his wife got fed-up of him having all the fun, so she decided that she herself would have a go, and here we are ... Ms. PacMan. The ganme itself, in content and look, is very similar to the original, which is probably its only major drawback. The gameplay is very addictive, I went through two sets of batteries in one night. The graphics are reasonable with all the characters moving smoothly, but the title screens are extremely basic; as are the little cartoons which appear between the levels.

The sound is also very simple, a tune during the game would have been much appreciated.

Taking an overall view, I liked the game. The actual gameplay is very addictive, but I think that this Game is too old for such a modern machine as the LYNX.

If you loved PacMan before, BUY IT! If you hated it before this version won't change your view.

PAUL JOHNSON.



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Being the generous magazine we are, we are giving away two copies of Rampage (only two I hear you say). To the first two people who send us the answer to the easy question below.

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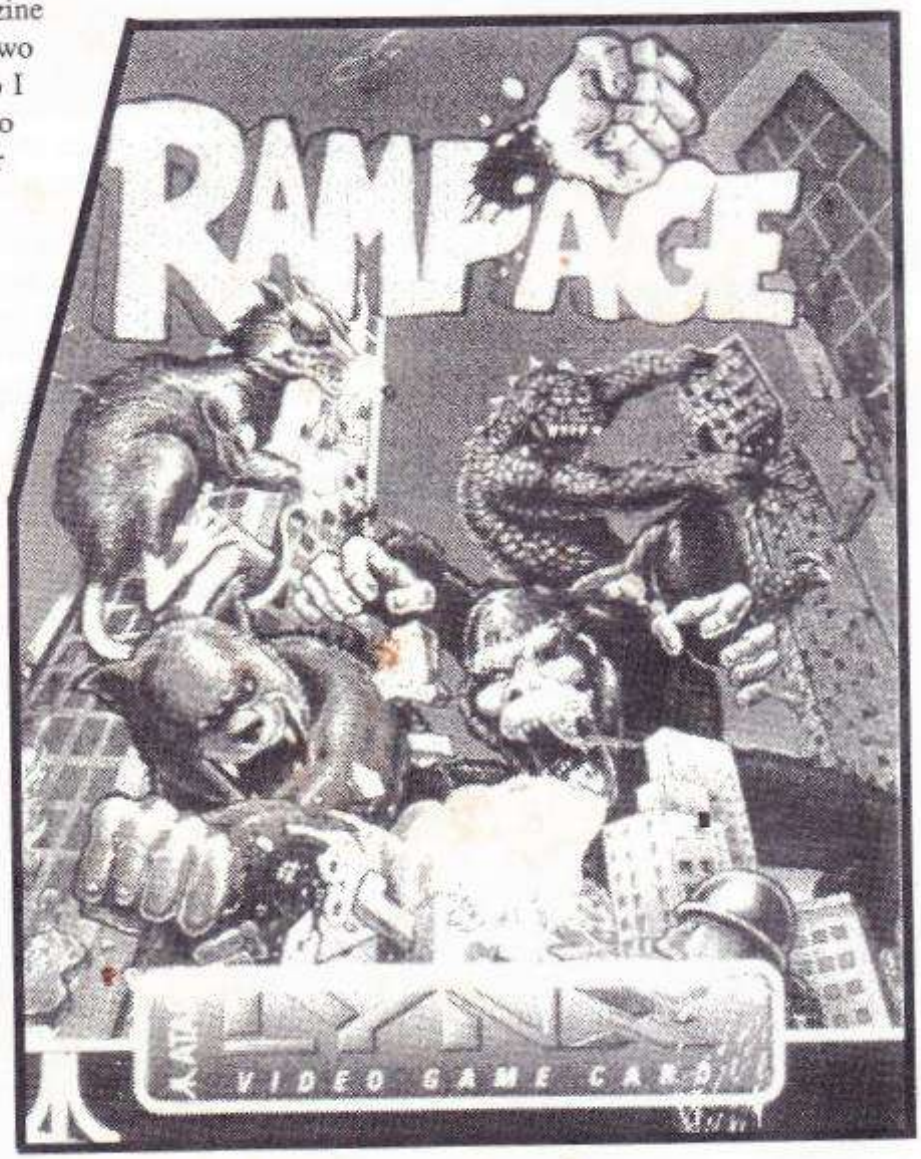
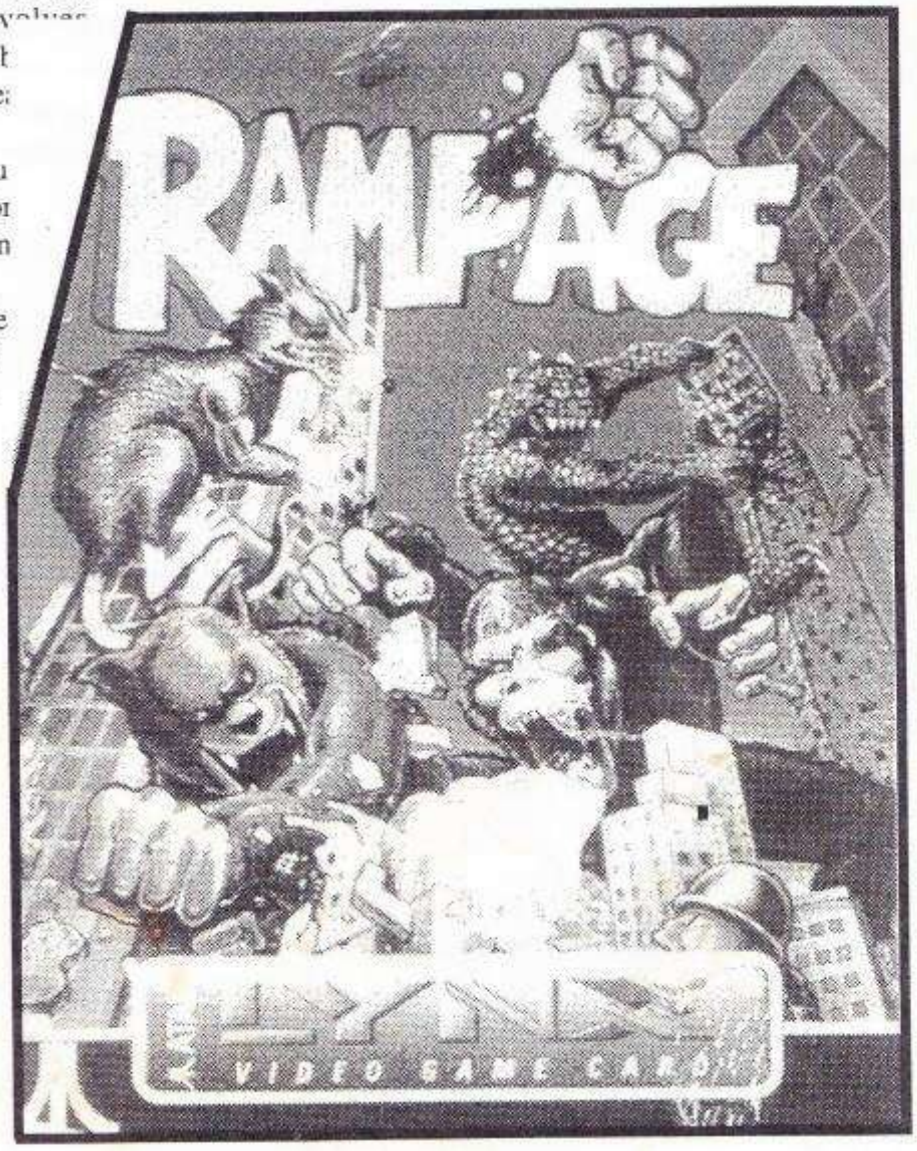


RAMPAGE
RAMPAGE --- RAMPAGE

Everyone probably remembers when this game was doing the rounds in the arcades, a few years back.

Well, ATARI in their wisdom have decided that the LYNX needs a version of its own, and it's not a bad one at that.

Basically you get to play one of four monsters, with which to go on the RAMPAGE. Gameplay revolves arounbd destroying a set numb buildings on each level, and e whatever comes in your way.



It's not all one-sided thou and retaliation comes in the for of tanks, helicopters, snipers an various other nasty surprises.

To help you in the struggle for monsterkind there are bonus items scattered around the buildings, which give you energy replenishment (I have not found any items yet that give you special powers).

The all-important life-force exists as two lives, each life has an energy bar that is drained by every hit from enemy attack.

The graphics and sound are pretty average.

The game tends to grab you after you have played it a few times and so is worth persevering with.

If you've got most LYNX games, and want a change from shoot-em-ups, then this could be a monster hit for you.

CHRIS WETHERLEY.

A few tips when playing:-

Try to avoid touching anything electrical, ie. toasters, you might get a shock.

Look out for a woman in red, if you pick her up and carry her your score goes mad. If she escapes from you, run after her and pick her up again.

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SHANGHAI

For all you out there who like history, you can't get more historic than this game (I mean the original, not the LYNX version). For centuries this game has been played in the Far East, by smugglers, pirates, politicians, etc. he basic premise of the game is to remove matching tiles, the winnwr being the person who can remove all the tiles. You see the board from the top, all the tiles are at varying heights. Some of the tiles at the top of the block, others are below, so it is essential that the hig hest tiles are removed early on in the game. Also try and remove tiles that block rows, because you will find later on that these hold the key to winning the game.

Shanghai contains a number of different tile layouts, each one harder than the one before. To master the game try and play each level until you can work out a winning strategy (it sounds obvious) and then move onto a harder level.

My opinion, (if you really want to know) is that this game will eat your batteries.

It is extremely addictive, I went through two sets of batteries in one evening. The actual layout of the game is baisc, the screen adequate rather than spectacular. You can choose different tile types, but this doe sn't make a lot of difference. The actual movements of the tiles are very smooth, and when you win a colourful dragon makes an appearence.

The sound is a lot better, with a catchy tune all the way through the game, although after a while you will probably want to turn it off (too much of a good thing), and the rest of the sound is on the whole good.

But it is the gameplay that saves this title, play it for about ten minutes and you will be hooked. No kidding, ypu will want to play this game for as long as your eyes stay open (them Chinese know how to make a game).

This game came as a biot of a shock to me, as I don't normally go in for games like this. I would recommend it solely on the Gameplay, a must for those who like puzzle games.

PAUL JOHNSON

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SHANGHAI

If you're a fan of strategy (not that there's many strategy type games for the LYNX), then this could well be the game for you.

Shanghai, or Mah Jong if you prefer, is a very old game dating back at least 25 centuries.

The idea of the game is to remove tiles from a pattern of 144 tiles randomly placed. Patterns of tiles can be chosen by you in any one of seven different formations, Dragon, Hawk, Butterfly, Fish, Bear, Spider and Turtle.

Once you have started the game you will notice that 2 or more of the tiles are the same. This is your clue to the next part. What you do is to pick two identical tiles, then press Button A or B to remove them if they are free. Free meaning - nothing blocking it left, right and top.

If that's successful, the 2 tiles will vanish leaving you to choose another two tiles, and so on until all the tiles are gone. Yes, it's that simple.

Options include four different ways of playing solitaire, two player alternating competitive, simultaneous competitive and simultaneous co-operative.

The difficulty of the gane may put you off, but the addictive nature of the game may keep you trying.

Graphics and sound don't really make this kind of game, so I don't think it is really fair to comment on these.

Value for Money - well, I think if you like it you will buy it.

Playability - top notch.

.....I wonder if Atari will ever convert Tetris for the LYNX, I certainly hope they do.

Review by CHRIS WETHERLEY

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